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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" According to the memorandum, there are 16,000 full-time practitioners of homœopathic medicine. I do not know how many part-time practitioners there are. The overwhelming majority of these people are unqualified men who had no training in any recognized institution and they do not possess any medical qualification. The Government, therefore, think it undesirable to recognize such people."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Apart from recognizing such people, do Government agree that Homœopathic system must be recognized in the State, that homœopathic practitioners who have got recognized diploma or have undergone regular training should be given training and that homœopathic clinics should be started by Government in rural areas? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no ban on the practice of Homœopathy by anybody, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the large volley of questions put on the floor of the House with regard to this matter, will the Government make its policy clear and impose a ban in the starting of institutions of that type? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are no institutions giving tuition in Homœopathy in the State. There seem to be a few people who give postal tuition."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, சென்ற சட்டசபைக் கூட்டத்திலேயே ஹோமியோபதி வைத்திய முறையைப்பற்றி அரை மணி நேரம் விவாதிக்க வேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக்கொண்டதின்பேரில் நீங்கள் அதற்கு ஒத்துக்கொண்டும் நேரமின்மையால் விவாதம் நடக்கவில்லை. இந்தத் தடவையாவது இதற்கென அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கவேண்டுமென்று நான் உங்களைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கூட்டத்திலும் அதற்கு நேரம் இருக்குமா என்று சொல்ல முடியாமலிருக்கிறது.

" The hon. Member will have a half-an-hour debate. I cannot fix the time now."

Countersignature of the janmis in the applications for takkavi loans.

* 100 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints that the requirements of janmi's countersignature as a condition precedent to the sanctioning of takkavi loans in favour of agriculturists in Malabar deprives them of the benefit of the loan ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (a) Yes.

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" (b) The Director of Agriculture issued instructions to the District Agricultural officers to the effect that the counter-signature of the janmis in the application for loans should be insisted on as a condition precedent to the grant of takkavi loans in Malabar. The Government have examined the question and have since ordered that loans for purchase of seeds and manures should be sanctioned to the tenants in the Malabar district on the personal security of the tenant borrower or on the joint personal security of two or more such tenants on production of solvency certificates from the village officers."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, have the Government received a report from the Collector of Malabar in his L. Dis. No. 786/54, dated 31st August 1954, regarding the grant of loans to agriculturists in Malnad area, which forms one-third of the area in Malabar, on the ground that these agriculturists do not possess any land supported by documentary evidence but that the leases are only oral and if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to see that these peasants are also benefited by the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Evidently, the hon. Member has not fully followed my answer. Now loans are given on personal security also."

Allotment of peons to a Minister.

* 101 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many peons are allotted to a Minister; and

(*b*) how many of them are working at the office and how many in their houses?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Five peons (including one Chobdar).

" (*b*) This is a matter left to the convenience of each Minister but usually two peons (including the Chobdar) are posted to work in office and three in the residence. The residential peons will keep turn among themselves so that one of them will always be on duty at the residence."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Government have received any circular from the Prime Minister of India to reduce the number of peons attached to the Ministers? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not aware of any such circular."